

FEMININE FANCIES

THINGS OF INTEREST to WOMEN

Mr. Justwed Gets a few Pointers on Matrimony



"I didn't say so, madame—I mean Miss Singleton—did I?" he replied cautiously.

"No you didn't," snapped that amiable lady. "But you might just as well have said it! That's just like you men—you all hang together and try to help each other even to the extent of—well, I'd just like to see a husband of mine try anything like that on me!"

"I imagine you would," retorted Mr. J. quietly.

Mrs. J. looked daggers at Homer-dear—his remark was rude, positively ill-bred.

Mrs. Tompkins—she of the racing eyes and don't worry manners—giggled—yes'm; giggled right out loud!

"Indeed, I would," continued the old maid, blissfully oblivious of the thrust just aimed at her. "I tell you, Mr. Justwed, the attitude of men nowadays toward matrimony and their wives is all wrong, all wrong! It's too one-sided—the men have everything and the women nothing!"

"I quite agree with you, Miss Singleton," replied Mr. J., facetiously, winking adroitly at Mrs. Tompkins. "The men have everything, all the hard work and responsibility of making a living and building the home, and the women nothing. That is nothing but day after day to fritter away around the house, or calling or playing bridge, or—"

"Mr. Justwed!" It was all the estimable, unskipped lady could find breath to utter.

"Mr. Justwed—I am surprised. Aside from your fondness for baseball, and the hours and hours you spend away from your wife playing tennis, and the other night when you joined the rest of those men in their nefarious gambling, and your despicable habit of burying yourself in the evening paper before you've spoken two words to your wife, and your somewhat tactless, if not grouchy disposition, in the morning before breakfast, I always considered you somewhat more of a model husband than the majority I've seen!"

"Well, I certainly appreciate the compliment," said Mr. J., suavely. "I'm indeed glad to know that outside of the slight imperfections you mentioned I'm all right. But, don't you think Miss Singleton's man should be expected to be imperfect in at least a few things?"

"Precisely. Precisely, Mr. Justwed," agreed the gentle dame, warming up to her hobby. "No one in this world is perfect, least of all a man. I'm quite sure, sometimes, indeed, that the sex of angels is feminine. But that fact does not, in my estimation, excuse a man entirely. There are certain traits taken for granted in a man—or he should never marry. Now for instance—"

"One of them is that he should hate and detest a baseball game, I dare say," suggested Mr. J. promptly.

"Why, Mr. Justwed!" expostulated the loveless Venus, surprised. "Surely you cannot mean that seriously. Baseball, of itself, is harmless, I suppose, though without doubt, foolish and a waste of time. It's the fact that it takes a man away from his wife that counts. You can't be at the baseball game and in your own home at one and the same time, can you?"

"Well—"

"Is there any objection to a man taking his wife to the ball game with him—and kill two birds with one stone, so to speak?" inquired Mr. J., insidiously.

"Well—not exactly," she answered slowly. "But a ball game is not the place for a woman. She should be

home, a goddess enthroned amidst her offspring. If she joins her husband in diversions of this sort—material, ordinarily, almost low—she lowers herself in his eyes—becomes less an ideal, you know."

"Oh, I see," remarked Mr. J., as though a great light were breaking upon him. "Then the husband should give up such material, ordinarily, almost low pleasures as these—and sit at home and burn incense at the shrine of his wife? Fine business—beautiful in theory!"

"Well, why not?" persisted the old maid, to the extreme delight of the others who were chortling under their breaths. "Did you ever stop to think of all a woman gives a man when she takes him for better—or generally—for worse, Mr. Justwed?"

"Sure," replied Mr. J., quickly. "She doubles his expenses and halves his pleasures!"

"If you persist in regarding this most sacred subject in such an unbecoming spirit of levity, Mr. Justwed," stated the spinster, in a voice as hard as nails. "I shall be forced to discontinue my kindly interest in a discussion—at I had hoped would be profitable to you. To continue, I insist that

the woman gives all—the man nothing. She gives her entire life to him, disregarding all others."

"So does the man," pleaded Mr. J., "or he's paying alimony before you could say 'Jack Robinson.'"

"Mr. Justwed! I refuse to continue the subject further."

And with that the affronted damsel picked up her skirts and marched defiantly into the house.

"Oh, you model husband," gurgled Mrs. Tompkins from the shadow.

"You will go to the ball game now, will you?" laughed Mrs. Justwed.

Mr. J. strolled to the other end of the veranda.

An hour later Mrs. Justwed found Homer-dear seated there, a scowl upon his face, his hat pulled down over his eyes, and his whole attitude one of dejection.

"What are you doing, Homer?" she asked.

"I'm debating, blossom," he answered slowly, "whether to get mad at destiny for creating such a female as that Singleton woman, or to thank Providence that she has for been denied a man upon whom to put her theories into practice."

CARVEL CALVERT HALL.

Fads of the Summer Girl

EVEN the summer girl of the days before the war was not so picturesque as the one of 1910. In the days of our great grandmothers, when bouffant fashions and low necks were all the vogue, fads were numerous, but not in the way they are today. The summer girl of today has fads that are too numerous to mention, but they are entirely different from those of her great grandmother. The sly-like slenderness of the maid today was unknown in the days of crinolines, and the girl who can make herself look slender to the extreme is the one who is declared the most fashionable.

But the matter of slenderness is perhaps one of the minor fads of the 1910 summer girl. She is picturesque as a whole, a complication of all the fads that have been advanced. Her frocks exaggerate her slowness and they give a plain and severe line to her silhouette. During the hot summer months the sensible girl discards nearly all of her false hair, making the head as cool as possible. The hair is then parted in the middle or on the side, according to the individual taste.

It is then done up on the back of the head or the nape of the neck in the careless coils that suggest large puffs. The most simple style of dress

gradually and thus protects the bather from a sudden shock, a thing that is distasteful to most girls. The suit consists of sedge "knicker" and skirt with knitted woolen sweater made to hug the figure. The sleeves are short and are made to roll, corresponding with the lower part of the garment. To complete the costume there is a wide sailor collar and a silk cravat. A knitted bathing suit loses none of its good looks when it is dripping wet like other garments used for the same purpose.

Many of this season's bathing caps are made to fit tight about the head like a hood. They are pretty and resemble some of the older styles. They are trimmed with ribbons at the ears and have strings that float from the back or lie under the chin in cunning little bows. The bathing suit and cap give the wearer quite a chance to show her originality this summer.

The present fad in lingerie is to have stenciled hands on the petticoats robes de nuit and combination garments. The best material for such treatment is a good quality of batiste and the work is done in colors to match the gown with which the garment is to be worn. The gowns are supposed to be very sheer in order to show the designs can be seen through the skirt and waist. All kinds of decorations are used, such as tiny, old-



The Picturesque Summer Girl.

ling the hair is one of the best fads of the 1910 summer girl. Sometimes she tucks a small bunch of curls underneath the curls at one side.

One of the things noticed to a great extent this season is the lack of extravagance in the quantity of material used in summer gowns, no matter what the type. To make up the ton-ensemble of the summer girl there is a minimum number of the absolute-lingerie things. Low necks, short sleeves, scanty and short skirts, transparent hosiery and dull kid pumps complete the outfit. These are the things most worn at the resorts and house parties.

Among the other unusual things that the summer girl has taken up is the sweater bathing suit. This is one of the most practical of all the fads. The woolen material takes the water

time roses, morning glories, pansies, tulips and forget-me-nots.

One of the principal features of the summer blouses is the absence of shoulder or arm hole seams. The whole shaping is contrived by the seam under the arms, which when the back is laid on a fold of the material results in the blouse proper being cut in one piece with the addition of a tiny vest and long undersleeves. The vest is almost hidden by frills of plaited chiffon, put on the jabot fashion.

Another of the season's universal fancies is the patent leather belt, in all colors. Perhaps the most popular shades in use are red and green, while black is considered smart with almost any color of gown. There is also the white French belt, in many colors.

For Woman Who Camps

WOMEN who spent the summer, or a portion of the summer at least, in tents vouch for the pleasure attained. This cannot be counted a privilege for the well-to-do alone, for anybody can take advantage of the opportunity for such a delightful vacation. The tenting vacation is especially recommended for persons with limited incomes. The excessive heat of the summer apartments can be avoided, and new health and strength will be attained by those who try the tent outing if only for two weeks.

Many of the women of the larger cities have solved the summer problem with a tempting vacation. Camping out, especially when a good location is selected for the camp, has many advantages and many pleasures. On the outskirts of the city the vacant ground is nearly all covered with camps, and in the smaller towns the women have even taken up the idea of spending all the hot months close to nature.

A person does not have to own the land on which the camp is pitched. This can be rented for a very small sum, and living in a tent is one of the cheapest ways of spending a vacation. One of the principle mistakes made is to pitch the camp in

camp drawbacks. Dressing and undressing can always be done in the house, and this gives the family the benefit of the bathroom. Meals can be served outdoors, on the porch, or in the dining-room on wet days.

In the real camp nothing is more uncomfortable than too much baggage. A woman should take along a sweater, a loose-fitting jacket with pockets, at least two skirts, a soft felt hat with a wide brim, woolen gloves, two flannel shirtwaists with collars attached, a pair of woolen stockings, two changes of woven underwear, half a dozen handkerchiefs, three neckties to protect the neck from the sun, a flannel wrapper, a rubber coat, a pair of knitted bed socks, and a broad-brimmed straw hat. There should be a pair of oiled shoes with high tops, one pair of ordinary shoes for wear about the camp, one draw-string bag for toilet articles and a smaller one for sewing articles.

The matter of food is best left to the women of the party. They usually know what to take along, what will be the most desirable to the men, and a word should be said again here about overloading. Too much food is just as much of a burden as too many clothes. It is quite unnecessary to speak of the small



Getting the meals is the only work in camp.

a heavy shade under the trees. This makes the location damp to a certain degree and unhealthy.

The tent should be pitched in such a manner that it will at least get the sun during some portion of the day. Dryness is one of the first essentials of a successful camp, and dampness is one of the evils that should be guarded against.

When the family is quite large it is wise to have two or more tents in order to give plenty of room and cause no crowding. One of these can be for sleeping purposes. There should also be one for cooking and another to be used as a dining room. The larger the family the more tents are required. All tents for summer should, of course, have floors. These are made of boards and are a great protection. The task of making the floors is so easy that any man can accomplish it, although he is not a carpenter.

The utmost simplicity is used in tent life, and for this reason the utensils and furniture should be reduced to the least possible. This gives real comfort. Japanese paper napkins should take the place of the cloth ones, and the cheapest and thickest china should be used. Candles and oil lamps are the best for lighting purposes. Large reflectors can be arranged on these in such a manner as to give good results.

Folding canvas steamer chairs are very comfortable and satisfactory. A good-sized oil stove will give all the heat necessary for cooking. A good idea is to have a covered way from the cooking tent to the dining tent, and the former should be far enough from the latter so that the heat of the fire will have no effect on the diners.

The advantages of the scheme are many, quite apart from the health and strength so obtained. It is easy for the housewife, there being no burdensome housework to attend to, no rooms filled with bric-a-brac to be swept and cleaned. A few small rugs can be placed on the floors of the tents, and these can easily be shaken out each morning. There is a very little work with the exception of getting the meals.

Women, as a rule, seldom know what to take with them when they go upon a camping expedition. This is one of the points where men have the advantage of them. The kit should be condensed to the utmost simplicity. The majority of the women load themselves with things that are not needed in the least.

Camping in the back yard has its advantages also. Where the income is too small for the real summer vacation, the back yard can easily be turned into a very good camp. A summer house makes a splendid one. Screens of bamboo and Japanese netting protect the occupants from insects. Instead of taking out the whole bedstead the springs can be laid on the floor on four wooden blocks from four to six inches high.

Awning of unbleached cotton sheeting will keep out the rain. Camping in the back yard combines nearly all the pleasures of open-air

sleeping without any of the usual things of the camp outfit, as these will easily come to the mind of the woman when she starts for preparations for the vacation.

WOMEN MUST PAY TAX.

FRENCH women are taxed \$10 per year for the privilege of wearing men's trousers. It is considered quite an honor for women to be granted the right to wear men's trousers, and the only ones who have been thus honored are George Sand, Rosa Bonheur, Mme. Dieulafoy, the Peralia archeological, Mme. Foucault, and the sculptors, Mesdames Fourreau and La Jeanette. The government confers the right only as tribute to great merit; in fact, a sort of decoration, as the ribbon of the Legion of Honor is given to men.

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